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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR AMCIT
MURDER CASE, RABAT, MOROCCO

WE HAVE PREPARED CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL USE WITH
CASE INVOLVING MURDER OF MRS. LEE LAYTON IN RABAT. REQUEST
DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE AND/OR COMMENTS RE FOLLOWING TEXT,
WHICH HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH RSO AND NIS KENITRA:

Q. DID A MURDER OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN FACT TAKE PLACE IN RABAT?

A. YES.

Q. WHO WAS THE VICTIM?

A. MRS. LEE LAYTON (ADDITIONAL BIO DATA IF PRESSED):

DOROTHY ELAINE LAYTON: DATE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 29, 1939;

HOMETOWN: CUBA, MISSOURI

HUSBAND: MR. LEE LAYTON, U.S. CITIZEN, RESIDENT IN RABAT.

PARENTS: MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL HAPPEL, SALEM, MISSOURI

PARENTS-IN-LAW: MRS. AND MRS. OSCAR LAYTON, SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

MRS. LAYTON WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RABAT-AMERICAN SCHOOL AS A

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TEACHER; HAD BEEN IN MOROCCO APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS.

Q. WHEN DID THE MURDER OCCUR?

A. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SATURDAY, JUNE 3.

Q. HOW DID THE VICTIM DIE?

A. IT WAS A VIOLENT DEATH. AN AUTOPSY IS BEING PERFORMED

BY MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE EXACT CAUSE OF DEMISE.

Q. WHAT WERE THE EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MURDER?

A. THIS IS WHAT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES.

Q. IS THERE A SUSPECT?

A. YES.

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT THE SUSPECT IS AMERICAN?

A. YES.

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT THE AMERICAN IS A MARINE CORPS SECURITY
GUARD WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY DETACHMENT?

A. YES. (IF PRESSED, CONFIRM THAT THE SUSPECT IS CORPORAL
JERRY ROUSSEAU; NOTE THAT HE IS A SUSPECT, AMONG OTHER REASONS.
DUE TO FACT THAT HE DID NOT REPORT FOR NORMALLY SCHEDULED
DUTY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MURDER AND IS MISSING).

Q. WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE SUSPECT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
VICTIM?

A. THERE IS NO KNOWN RELATIONSHIP BEYOND CASUAL ACQUAINTANCE.

Q. WHO IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION?

A. CASE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE APPROPRIATE MOROCCAN JUDICIAL
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES; U.S. EMBASSY AND KENITRA
NAVAL PERSONNEL ARE COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

Q. IS IT LIKELY THAT JURISDICTION WILL BE TURNED OVER TO
U.S. AUTHORITIES?

A. THIS IS A SPECULATIVE INQUIRY WHICH WE ARE IN
NO POSITION TO ADDRESS. (IF PRESSED, NOTE THAT SUCH A
DETERMINATION WOULD BE ONE FOR JOINT U.S.-MOROCCAN
DECISION AT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT LEVELS; WE KNOW OF
NO SUCH DETERMINATION AND/OR DECISION).

Q. WHO ON MOROCCAN SIDE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THIS CASE?
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A. THE SURETE NATIONALE.

Q. WHO SPECIFICALLY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE IS INVOLVED IN
THIS INVESTIGATION?

A. AS I HAVE SAID EARLIER, THE U.S. EMBASSY AND U.S. NAVAL
PERSONNEL AT KENITRA ARE COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME BIO DATA ON THE SUSPECT?

A. I WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON THE SUSPECT IN ORDER TO PROTECT BOTH HIS
RIGHTS AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE INVESTIGATORY PROCESS.

Q. HAVE THERE BEEN OTHER CRIMES OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST
AMERICANS RECENTLY?

A. NONE WHATSOEVER TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. THIS CASE SEEMS TO BE
AN ISOLATED INCIDENT INVOLVING ONLY THE
VICTIM AND THE AGGRESSOR.

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